

REMARKS

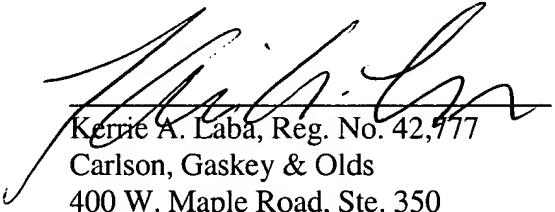
Claims 1-21 have been allowed. The issue fee transmittal and the issue fee payment accompany this amendment.

Claims 1 and 19 have solely been amended to correct grammatical errors. No substantive amendments to the claims have been made and no new matter has been added.

The specification has also been amended to provide consistent terminology throughout the description. No new matter has been added.

Applicant believes all claims are now in condition for issuance. Applicant believes no additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees, or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,


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CERTIFICATE OF MAIL

I hereby certify that the enclosed Response is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 5 day of May, 2004.


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